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Everyone deserves the right to defend themselves when they are in fear of their own life/safety or their family.

If a mother and her children are stalked to their car late at night at the mall (Clackamas Town Center) where security is there but nowhere to be found, that mother should have the right and capabilities to protect her and her family.

In addition to that a father should have the same rights.

Law abiding citizens do not go out looking for trouble

We just want to go about our day and go home.

With today's society and the mentally ill or drug induced homeless we have to watch our backs. I work in Downtown Portland and have been witness to a deranged homeless person get caught breaking into someone's truck and confronted. They pulled a gun the confronter and that lady was in fear and shock, she thought the person needed medical help not realizing he was trying to commit a crime.

Everyone on the job site was on edge after that experience.

She ended up being ok but it could have been way worse.

By taking the rights away from law abiding citizens doesn't solve anything. The crime will still happen the criminals will get their high capacity magazines and their switches or devices to make rifles shoot faster. This bill is only punishing the ones who follow the law, what needs to happen is states need to be accountable for the mentally ill and take action.

People usually ask for help time and time again and are denied due to "funding" in reality the state doesn't want to help anyone just punish those who don't commit a crime.